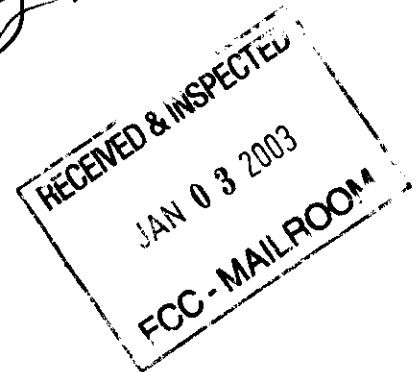


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245 Austin Ave.

Michael K. Powell, Chairman    Clarksburg WV 26301  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington DC 20054



Dear Chairman Powell:

The idea proposed to loosen media ownership standards, allowing less diversity in the media is deplorable. Instead the opposite would benefit the general population. The standards need be tighten and ways ought to be found to restrict the growth of the media monopoly in these United States and favor independent media.

Sincerely,  
Carl Beverlin

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Dear Chairman Powell,

I urge you to oppose looking or doing away with regulations that limit the number of newspapers, television and radio news outlets that a single company can own. You must not allow the global corporate media giants to swallow up the independent local news outlets across America and around the world.

I urge you to tighten current standards and restrict the growth of the media monopoly in America.

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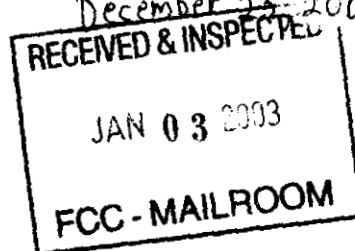
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Sincerely  
 James T. Hunter

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3523 Green View Ct.  
Sarasota, FL 34231  
December 23, 2002

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
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To the F.C.C. Commissioners:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal that the F.C.C. should loosen or do away with regulations that limit the number of newspapers and radio and television outlets that a single company can own.

I would urge the Commission to tighten current standards and restrict the growth of the media monopoly in America. This proposal for deregulation is bad because it puts the wealth and power of the mass media and its concentration in increasingly fewer hands.



Mr. Ron Cramer  
3523 Green View Ct.  
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Sincerely,

JAN 7 2003 Mr. Ronald Cramer

Distribution Center Ronald Cramer  
Sarasota, FL

Michael,

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I oppose any plan to 'deregulate'  
the current 'Media Monopoly'. These  
Jewish<sup>owned</sup> controlled media need more  
restrictions & tightened standards. We  
need the Press to be Free - not controlled  
by the super rich few.

J. F. [Signature]

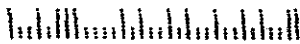
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M. K. Powell  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St, SW  
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Dear Mr. Powell:

Media ownership and control is increasingly being taken over by a few groups. Our schools and the media are increasingly selecting what we are taught or see reported as news. These groups increasing ignore the facts, they select only those that suit them, lie, ignore the constitution, and teach the religion of humanism.

No one group should control more than one tv station or newspaper.

When lies are reported, they should loose protection under the right of "Freedom of Speech" and be subject to prosecution for liable. With every right goes the responsibility to use it properly,

Our schools and the media deserve no special privilege. They should be prosecuted for lying and deception of the reader.

Sincerely,

  
P. A. Bennett

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Chairman, A.K. Powell  
Commissioner K.Q. Abernathy  
Commissioner M.J. Copps  
Commissioner K.J. Martin  
Commissioner J.S. Adelstein



Gentlemen:

I'm enclosing a copy of pages 19 & 20 from the American Free Press dated Dec 16 & 23 2002.

I want to express my opposition to loosen current ownership restrictions. The last 2 sentences express my (and many more) feelings on the subject.

It is obvious that having the media controlled by such a few people is not in the best interests of the public.

This letter can be forwarded to each person listed above so that you all know how the general public feels.

Mr. Powell - I would like to hear from you , as chairman, with your feelings and intentions on this subject.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Violet Kleinfelder'.

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# Rep. Decries Corporate Chokehold o

**A left-wing populist congressman targets corporations for the chokehold they have on America's "news."**

By Rep. Bernie Sanders

One of our best-kept secrets is the degree to which a handful of huge corporations control the flow of information in the United States. Whether it is television, radio, newspapers, magazines, books or the Internet, a few giant conglomerates are determining what we see, hear and read. And the situation is likely to become much worse as a result of radical deregulation efforts by the Bush administration and some horrendous court decisions.

Television is the means by which most Americans get their "news." Without exception, every major network is owned by a huge conglomerate that has enormous conflicts of interest. Fox News Channel is owned by Rupert Murdoch, a right-wing Australian who already owns a significant portion of the world's media. His network has close ties to the Republican Party, and among his "fair and balanced" commentators is Newt Gingrich.

NBC is owned by General Electric, one of the largest corporations in the world—and one with a long history of anti-union activity.

GE, a major contributor to the Republican Party, has substantial financial interests in weapons manufacturing, finance, nuclear power and many other industries. Former CEO Jack Welch was one of the leaders in shutting down American plants and moving them to low-wage countries like China and Mexico.

ABC is owned by the Disney Corp., which produces toys and products in developing countries where they provide their workers atrocious wages and working conditions.

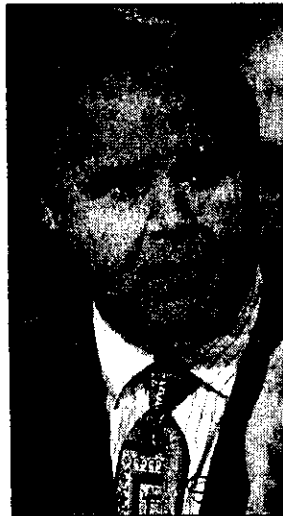
CBS is owned by Viacom, another huge media conglomerate that owns, among other entities, MTV, Showtime, Nickelodeon, VH1, TNN, CMT, 39 broadcast television stations, 184 radio stations, Paramount Pictures and Blockbuster Inc.

The essential problem with television is not just a bias in news and programming, or the transformation of politics and government into entertainment and sensationalism. Nor is it just the constant bombardment of advertising, much of it directed at children. It's that the most important issues facing the middle-class and working people of our country are rarely discussed. The average American does not see his reality reflected on the television screen.

The United States is the only industrialized nation on Earth that does not have a national healthcare program. Yet, despite 41 million people with no health insurance and millions more underinsured, we spend far more per capita on healthcare than any other nation.

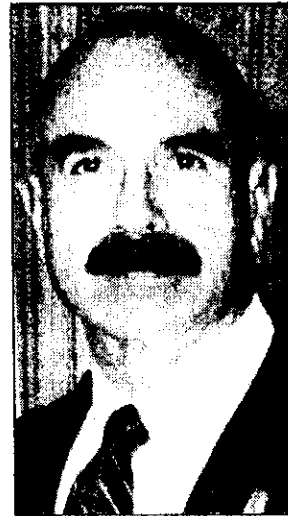
Maybe the reason is that we are seeing no good programs on television, in between the prescription drug advertisements.

Despite the great "economic boom" of the 1990s, the average American worker is now working longer hours



**RUSH LIMBAUGH**

Beating the drums for GOP, corporate owners and advertisers to the detriment



**G. GORDON LIDDY**



**ALAN KEYES**

The United States has the most unfair distribution of wealth and income in the industrialized world, and the highest rate of childhood poverty.

There's a lot of television promoting greed and self-interest, but how many programs speak to the "justice" of the richest 1 percent owning more wealth than the bottom 95 percent? Or of the CEOs of major corporations earning 500 times what their employees make?

If television largely ignores the reality of life for the majority of Americans, corporate radio is just plain overt in its bias. Rush Limbaugh, G. Gordon Liddy, Bob Grant, Sean Hannity, Alan Keyes, Armstrong Williams, Howie Carr, Oliver North, Michael Savage, Michael Reagan, Pat Robertson, Laura Schlessinger—these are only a few of the voices that day after day pound a drumbeat into the heartland of this country.

The Republican Party, corporate owners and advertisers have their point of view well represented on radio. Unfortunately, the rest of America has almost nothing.

As bad as the current media situation is, it is likely to be made much worse by a recent decision in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals that responded to

a suit by Fox, AOL Time Warner, and other companies from owning television stations in the same local market.

The court also ordered the Federal Communications Commission either to change the rule that limits any one company from owning stations that reach more than one household.

The bottom line is that a few media conglomerates are controlling the information ordinary American sees, and it is an issue that Congress can't ignore.

**See the story on  
how your voice  
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# Block the Media Monstrosity

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Although all of this is being proposed in the name of "the free market," this would be a major boon to the increasingly smaller number of global corporate media giants that are swallowing up once independent local newspapers and broadcast outlets across America and around the world.

Such a move would also give expanded political clout to the already immensely powerful lords of the media allowing them—for example—to own a major television station and newspaper in the same town or city, thereby effectively having a monopoly on local news coverage.

Advocates of "deregulation" say that because so many Americans now have access to the Internet and can thereby call up many news sources—literally, worldwide—that there is no longer any need for "out of date" regulations.

In addition, advocates say that because of the expansion of satellite and cable television, previous concerns about the concentration of media ownership are no longer valid.

While it is true that the Internet has provided a communications/outreach explosion of unprecedented proportions—just in the last several years alone—most Americans get the bulk of their news and information

from their local "mainstream" newspapers and television and radio which are themselves increasingly being grabbed up by major media monopolies.

For example, in the small city of Harrisburg, the capital of Pennsylvania, the New York-based Newhouse family controls the major daily newspaper, *The Patriot*. The Newhouse family's Advance Communications also controls a number of smaller weekly newspapers in both suburban and rural "bedroom" counties surrounding Harrisburg. Most of those people have no idea that their "local" newspaper is actually owned by a national media conglomerate held tightly in the hands of a super-powerful billionaire family.

Americans who use the Internet for "other" information tend to frequent the web sites of "major" widely-publicized and "fashionable" newspapers such as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Chicago Tribune* and *The Los Angeles Times*.

However, what many of those who fancy themselves to be "in the know" because they access multiple "big name" newspapers do not realize is that the owners of *The Chicago Tribune*, for example, are also the owners of *The Los Angeles Times* and New York's Long Island-based *Newsday* and *The Hartford (Connecticut) Courant*, to mention several in the Tribune Co.'s stable.

So many readers who think they are getting "alternative" information from other news sources are victims of the growing media monopoly that prefers to keep its concentration of elite ownership out of the realm of public understanding and discussion.

As one would expect from an appointed bureaucrat with high-level political connections, the FCC's chairman Michael Powell—son of Secretary of State Colin Powell—is taking a non-committal position on the controversial issue. Unfortunately, the issue is only "controversial" to those who are aware of the issue, since the matter has been largely relegated to the business pages of the major metropolitan dailies.

The concept of media ownership and control being increasingly taken into the hands of fewer and fewer families and financial groups is not widely debated or understood.

There is something you can do about it: make your voice heard. You have until Jan. 2 to contact the FCC and tell the commissioners that you are opposed to all



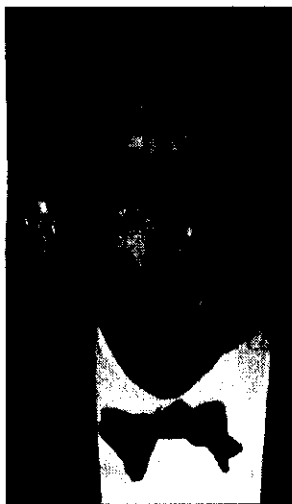
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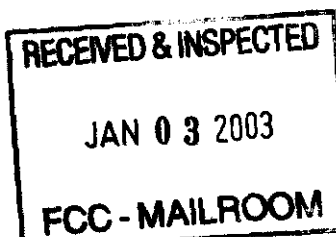
Jan Stephens  
P.O. Box 304  
Willits, CA 95490

December 17, 2002

Michael Powell, FCC Chair  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: PROTECT MEDIA DEMOCRACY**

To Chairman Powell:



America's airwaves belong to the American people, and the FCC is mandated to manage them in the public interest. Independent, critical and genuinely representative media are crucial to a healthy democracy. Without them, citizens lose the means to control and participate in the public debate that sets the nation's political agenda. In the absence of an effective regulatory agency, corporate control of the media damages our democracy.

I want the FCC to protect the public interest by maintaining:

- The newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership rule to continue to prevent owners of a broadcast station from owning daily newspapers in the same market.
- A national broadcast ownership cap to prevent one company from owning broadcast stations that reach more than 35% of U.S. households.
- The local radio ownership rule to cap the number of radio stations a company can own in a single listening area to eight or less, depending on size.
- Duopoly rule to limit a company to owning two broadcast TV stations in a given market.
- Dual network rule to bar the major TV networks from merging with each other.

Chain ownership of newspapers, TV and radio stations would likely increase dramatically with media deregulation, resulting in a drop in news quality. As it is, dissenting political viewpoints are routinely marginalized in national mainstream media. The interests and perspectives of minorities, immigrants, women and others are under represented. We need more public affairs programs and local broadcasts that only smaller, niche and regional media outlets can provide.

I urge you to make a stand for democracy, to preserve and strengthen the rules that limit media consolidation and promote public access to media in your Biennial Review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Jan Stephens", written over a horizontal line.

Jan Stephens

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